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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MURPHY AND
ARMITAGE CALL ON RESISTANCE ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP

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2. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MURPHY AND
ARMITAGE, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR OAKLEY, CALLED
ON THE ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP, DECEMBER 1. THE U.S.
DELEGATION REAFFIRMED U.S. SUPPORT TO THE ALLIANCE
AND URGED CONTINUED UNITY.

SECRETARY MURPHY REITERATED ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT FOR RESISTANCE AND ASKED
THEIR VIEWS ON SHURA PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR OAKLEY
EXPRESSED PRAISE FOR THE ALLIANCE PLANS TO INCLUDE
AFGHANS FROM INSIDE AFGHANISTAN IN THE EXPECTED
NATIONAL SHURA (COUNCIL) TO ESTABLISH A NEW AFGHAN
GOVERNMENT. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST OUTSIDE EFFORTS TO
SOW DISUNITY IN THE ALLIANCE. THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP
WAS HEADING FOR TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS IN A
CONFIDENT MOOD. END SUMMARY.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD MURPHY, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ARMITAGE, AMBASSADOR OAKLEY, SECSTATE
SPECIAL ADVISOR KHALILZAD PLUS ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS
OF THEIR DELEGATION AND EMBASSY AND PESHAWAR
CONSULATE PERSONNEL MET WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
MUJAHIDIN ALLIANCE AT ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERS IN
PESHAWAR, DECEMBER 1.

FOLLOWING A GENERAL MEETING, THE ALLIANCE HOSTED A
LUNCH FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION. AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THE LUNCH, MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF THE
ALLIANCE PROVIDED FA BRIEFING ON RECENT MILITARY
DEVELOPMENTS IN KONAR, NANGRAHAR AND KABUL PROVINCES.

EXCHANGE AT GENERAL MEETING:

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MURPHY EXPRESSED THE
ADMINISTRATION'S INTEREST IN THE ALLIANCE'S
MILITARY SUCCESS. NOTING IN PARTICULAR THAT THE
SOVIETS HAD FINALLY AGREED TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH THE
MUJAHIDIN AT A SENIOR LEVEL.

MURPHY
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW RESISTANCE PLANS FOR A
BROAD BASED GOVERNMENT WERE PROGRESSING. NOTING IN
PARTICULAR, REPORTS OF ALLIANCE INTENT TO INVOLVE
REPRESENTATION FROM LOCAL SHURAS IN A NATIONAL
SHURA. HOW WOULD A NATIONAL SHURA LEAD TO FORMATION
OF AN EARLY TRANSITION GOVERNMENT? FINALLY, MURPHY
REQUESTED WHAT THE ALLIANCE EXPECTED FROM THE
SOVIETS.

7. AMBASSADOR OAKLEY PRAISED THE WISDOM OF THE
ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP FOR RECOGNIZING THAT THE
NATIONAL SHURA MUST INCORPORATE LEADERS FROM INSIDE
AFGHANISTAN, THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY AND AFGHANS
ABROAD WITH "SPECIAL EMPHASIS" ON SHURAS AS THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL WOULD BE NEEDED TO REBUILD
AFGHANISTAN. HE NOTED IN THIS REGARD ESPECIALLY THE
ROLE OF LOCAL SHURAS AND OTHER EXISTING
REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS (E.G., ISLAMIC COURTS)
IN SELECTING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SHURA. OAKLEY ALSO
COMMENDED THE ALLIANCE'S FUTURE UNITY IN THE FACE
OF SOVIET AND OTHER'S EFFORTS TO DIVIDE THE
ALLIANCE.

WHILE EFFORTS TO DIVIDE THE ALLIANCE WOULD CONTINUE,
ESPECIALLY AS THE STRUGGLE ENTERED A MORE POLITICAL
PHASE AND ENTAILLED QUESTIONS OF "WHO GETS WHAT" THE
AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THE ALLIANCE "WILL
PASS THIS TEST." HE ENCOURAGED THE ALLIANCE TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH PLANS TO FORM A SHURA AND A COUNCIL --
THE SOONER THE BETTER -- AS A MEANS OF FENDING OFF
EFFORTS TO SOW DIVISION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
FIRM UNITY IN THE ALLIANCE BE MAINTAINED SO AS TO
ENSURE THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN KABUL WOULD BE
ORDERLY. OTHERWISE, SOME POWERS MIGHT SUCCEED IN
SPLITTING AFGHANS, TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALL.

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12. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. OAKLEY
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